



COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies

Democratic 2015 Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Act

For the second consecutive year, the GOP majority failed to introduce a Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act. This denies the American people a robust public debate on critical services and investments like medical research, public health, K-12 education, job training, and much more.

Since the GOP majority refuses to fulfill their basic responsibility, Appropriations Democrats have drafted a L-HHS-Ed Appropriations bill to demonstrate that we can invest wisely and responsibly, help those in need of assistance, and do more to build a secure future.

Investing in Critical Priorities

The services and investments funded through this Appropriations bill are critical to Americans' health, education, and economic security. That is why the Democrats' L-HHS-Ed bill returns nearly all of these priorities to at least their funding level prior to the irresponsible "sequester" and above their 2014 level.

- **Medical Research:** Increase National Institutes of Health (NIH) funding by \$778 million, fully restoring NIH to its pre-sequester level.
- **Head Start:** Fully fund President's 2015 request for Head Start, an increase of \$271 million.
- **Job Training:** Increase Workforce Investment Act (WIA) grants by \$36 million and increase other job training programs by \$20 million, fully restoring to pre-sequester levels.
- **CDC:** Increase funding by \$244 million to address antibiotic resistance, global health security, prescription drug overdoses, food safety, and gun violence research.
- **State Education Grants:** Increase Title I grants to schools by \$131 million; increase English Language Acquisition grants by \$9 million; increase Impact Aid grants by \$3 million; increase Special Education grants by \$105 million; and increase Teacher Quality State Grants by \$117 million.
- **Pell Grants:** Maintain discretionary funding to keep maximum Pell grant award \$5,830.
- **Child Care:** Increase Child Care funding by \$150 million.
- **LIHEAP:** Increase Low Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP) by \$81 million.
- **Family Planning:** Increase Family Planning by \$14 million.
- **Public Broadcasting:** Fully fund President's 2015 request for Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

The Democrats' L-HHS-Ed bill supports higher funding levels for these services and investments while meeting the House subcommittee allocation of \$155.7 billion by increasing mandatory offsets beyond 2014 levels.

Eliminating Ideological Policy Riders

The Democrats' L-HHS-Ed bill eliminates damaging and divisive general provisions:

- Limitation on funding to promote gun safety;
- Prohibition on funding for needle exchange programs;
- Requirement to spend teen pregnancy funds on abstinence education; and
- Dilution of regulatory authority over non-immigrant worker visa programs.